



APPROVED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR TAEKWONDO COMPETITION IN THE UK

The following categories of personal protective equipment (PPE) may be used in the British Taekwondo Open International Championships and other *kyorugi* (sparring) competitions in the UK:

- Any WTF-approved PPE
- Any ETU-approved PPE
- PPE for WTF taekwondo which has passed British Standards (BS) testing.

Only the items indicated with a tick ✓ in the table below are acceptable.

Brand	Adidas	Black Eagle	Budo Nord	Daedo	JCalicu/ Kicksport	Kwon	Mooto/ MTX	Pine Tree ¹	SMAI	Twin Tower ²
Approved by	WTF/ BSi ³	BSi ³	ETU	WTF/ BSi ³	BSi ³	WTF/ BSi ³	WTF/ BSi ³	WTF	BSi ³	WTF
Expiry of WTF approval	31/12/12	–	–	31/12/12	–	31/12/12	31/12/12	31/12/12	–	31/12/12
Protectors	Head	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Trunk ⁴	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Arms	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓
	Hands ⁶	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Groin	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓
	Shins	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁵	✓	✓

NOTES

1. Pine Tree equipment may also be labelled as 'Sang Moo Sa'.
2. Twin Tower equipment is also sold as 'WACOKU'.
3. BSi: British Standards Institute. Same as European (CEN) standards.
4. Trunk protectors must be the *new* type approved for WTF taekwondo. Old style WTF, karate and wu shu trunk protectors are not acceptable.
5. Tested to British Standards but not WTF-approved.
6. Hanji, Aprowin and RDX hand protectors are not WTF-recognised.
7. KTA-approved or other brands of products will only be acceptable if they are also approved by the WTF or ETU, or have passed British or European standards tests.
8. The CE mark is *not* proof that equipment has been tested to British or European standards.
9. Macho equipment is not WTF-recognized and never has been. Some Macho equipment on sale incorrectly has the old 'WTF-recognized' mark.

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